

ENGLAND AMATEURS HANG ON TO LEAD

Wycombe ... 1 England XI ... 2

Both goalkeepers made some great saves, and Gradi, also, defended with outstanding skill as Wycombe Wanderers put in a storming finish, inspired by a fierce 30-yard scoring shot from Worley.

Weakened by withdrawals, England Amateur XI finished poorly, but Whyte (31 minutes) and Pritchard (69) built a 2-0 lead.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS.—J. Maskell; P. Eyres, P. Roystone, B. Baker, I. Rundle, C. Gale; L. Worley, K. Samuels, P. Bates, A. Horseman, L. Merrick.

ENGLAND AMATEUR XI.—J. Swannell (Hendon); R. Warman (Barnet), B. Moffatt (Leytonstone); E. Powell, D. Gradi (Sutton), R. Haider (Kingstonian); D. Whyte (Barnet), C. Townsend (Wealdstone), L. Eason (Barnet), L. Pritchard (Sutton), T. Archer (Ilford).

ENGLAND LIONS TAME WANDERERS

Late Entry Eyres Shines For Blues

By "CHILTERN"

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THE story of this match was one of two half-back lines. One was good, so very, very good and the other so bad it was awful. And Wycombe's trouble was that they owned the bad one.

What made it worse was that the England middle line was completely changed at the last minute with Powell, Gradi and Haider coming in for D'Arcy, Robertson and Townsend.

But fighting for a regular place in the England team gave these three the extra bite they needed and they dominated the match from start to finish.

Despite the glittering array of stars on view, man of the match for me was young Peter Eyres who came in at the last minute for John Beck who hurt himself at work. After playing reserve football all season and then to be thrown into the arena against the best the country can serve up against you is, to say the least, not easy.

But Eyres was complete master of his corner, playing Archer out of the game and clearing the danger from Wycombe's goalmouth on several occasions.

Apart from Eyres, the Wycombe defence was poor with the exception of Rundle and goalkeeper Maskell.

But of course Maskell and inside-left Horseman were out to impress the selectors more than the other. Unfortunately neither was given the real opportunity to shine.

Wanderers were saved from further embarrassment because their forwards threw everything into attack — especially in the second-half. Hardest workers were Merrick, Horseman and Samuels while Worley and Bates worried the England defence with accurate crosses.

England's first goal can be attributed to Gale who failed to clear a through ball, and winger Whyte, who had a field-night against Roystone, streaked away on his own and shot low and hard past the diving Maskell.

Their second came after the interval when Eyres only partially cleared a ball that Baker was about to pass back to Maskell. Pritchard picked his spot well.

Wycombe's goal came in the 72nd minute when Worley left

Swannell high and dry with a 30 yard drive.

In spite of late changes, this England side looked a fair proposition, and the Wycombe candidates for inclusion will really have to pull something extra out to get in.

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